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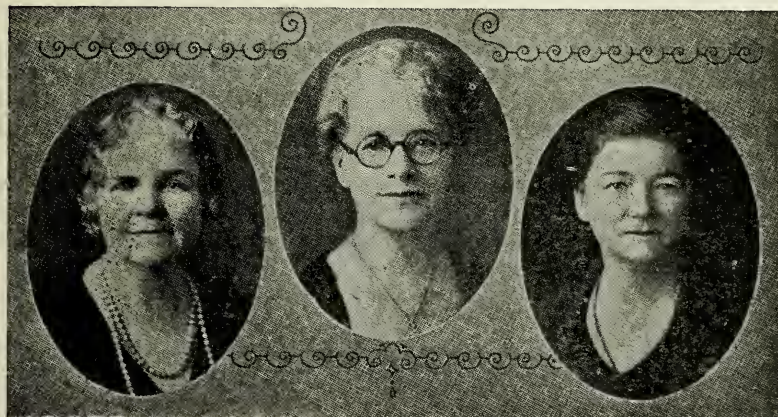
“Teach children, from their cradle until they become men and women, every principle of the Gospel, and endeavour, as far as it lies in the power of parents, to instil in their hearts a love for God, the truth, virtue, honesty, honour and integrity to everything that is good.”—JOSEPH F. SMITH.

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GREETINGS FROM PRIMARY SUPERINTENDENCY



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TO THE MISSIONARIES, SAINTS AND FRIENDS
IN THE MISSIONS OF EUROPE.

Greeting:

As general officers of the Primary Association, we deem it a great honour to have the *Millennial Star* bring forth this special Primary edition. We consider it an extraordinary privi-

lege to be able to speak directly to our European friends through this medium. Each one of us, the Presidency of the Primary Board knows, from actual experience in our own lives, the far reaching value of the *Star*; for one of our number is an European Mission convert and the other two are descendants of European converts.

Childhood impressions are never forgotten. Most characters are made or marred during the tender years of life. Happily trained, leisure-guided childhood will probably do more toward bringing to pass a better and healthier life among the people of the world than any other one thing. Therefore, if these young lives can be guided into an understanding and appreciation of truth, the results of Primary work cannot be over-estimated.

The Primary movement in the mission fields is becoming more and more a great aid in gaining friends and investigators of the Gospel of Christ. Primary work is now a tempering factor in the lives of young children wherever Latter-day Saint influence is felt.

We congratulate the European Mission for the success already attained in their Primary work. We trust that we and our associates of the General Board may be able to suggest ways and means of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by teaching and directing the children during their character building years in their play, their study and their worship. The Primary's great purpose is to bring into the child life of the Church and the world, the desire for a well body, a healthy mind, a hopeful outlook, a happy disposition, and a firm faith in the greatest material promise of the Gospel—a renewed and better world.

With the best of good wishes to all our friends and with a prayer that the spirit and blessings which go with Primary service and endeavour among beautiful pure children will be yours, we are

Your sisters in the Gospel,

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MESSAGE TO PRIMARY WORKERS

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PRESIDENT, BRITISH MISSION RELIEF SOCIETIES

THE Primary was organized on August 25th, 1878, in Farmington, Utah, by Sister Aurelia Rogers. She was a woman of great faith, and being a mother of several children, she understood the real meaning of Primary work. Men may erect beautiful buildings, hospitals, or libraries, but it takes a woman with her ideals in life to mould a child's character.

In Primary, the characters of the young children are moulded by the teacher. Oftentimes a child, who puts into practice the lessons of the Primary, is able to lead its parents to live nobler lives.

My message to each branch in the British Mission is, wherever possible, to organize a Primary. That this Association is a wonderful means of proselyting, is evidenced by the splendid branch that has come into existence in Dndley Port, where a few years ago there was just a Primary of four or five members; now there is a branch of twenty-six members, and prospects of many others joining the Church. At Elland, Eastwood, London, Handsworth and other places, much good is being accomplished by this organization.

If there are not enough children belonging to our branch members to organize a Primary, invite non-members to attend, and it will not be long until the beautiful teachings of the Primary will interest them, and they will always have a desire to come to their meetings.

We have twenty-three Primary organizations in the British Mission with an enrolment of nearly five hundred members. They meet each week and are carrying out the lessons as outlined in *The Children's Friend*. Prospects are bright for more Primaries in the near future. My prayer is for their continued success.

THE HISTORY OF THE PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

LIKE MANY similar movements, the Primary Association had a small beginning. Even before 1878, when the first Church organization was officially made, there were children's gatherings in many parts of the Church. Stories are told of meetings of children in Idaho and various parts of Utah. One such group in Salt Lake City was known as the "Manners School," conducted by Aunt Lonisa Wells.

In Farmington, Utah, Aurelia S. Rogers, a pioneer mother, reflected with much seriousness upon the need in her home town of a stricter guardianship over the boys—the necessity for more religions and moral training for them. She said, "The children should be taught to be better helps in their homes, to improve their manners, to learn everything that is good; they should also be taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ." She felt this so strongly that she succeeded in interesting some of the influential women of the Church along the same line. Eliza R. Snow, the leading lady of the Church, who was very much impressed with the necessity for and the benefits to be derived from the organized effort in behalf of the children, presented the matter to the presiding authorities, who approved the idea and appointed Eliza R. Snow to organize the proposed association. She suggested that the name of the organization be "The Primary Association."

The first official step was taken on August 11th, 1878, when Anrelia S. Rogers was called to preside over the Primary Association at Farmington, Utah. This ward of the Church was systematically visited and every child under fourteen years invited to attend. Out of the 224 children listed in the ward membership, 215 attended the first primary meeting, which was held on August 25th. On September 14th, 1878, Louie B. Felt was selected to be President of the Primary Association of the Eleventh Ward, Salt Lake City.

Sister Snow suggested many of the details of the organized program. She provided a song book and other books containing suitable stories, songs, dialogues, recitations, questions and answers on scriptural subjects, etc. The program consisted of singing, prayer, often in concert and often by the individual child himself; lesson presentation upon such subjects as obedience, faith in God, punctuality, good manners, the Word of Wisdom, memorizing of Bible and Book of Mormon verses, gems, articles of faith, etc. It also included the planting of corn and beans to be harvested and stored for times of famine; handwork such as the making of rag carpets for use in Church buildings; gathering of fruits and vegetables to be donated to the Deseret hospital—a pioneer institution in Salt Lake City. Other outside activities were provided such as entertainments, picnics in groves and parties in homes where games were taught. This was the beginning of organized play in the Association. Fairs and bazaars were held as early as 1880, and by means of these constructive projects, activities were introduced for the first time into the organization. The text books were the Bible and the "Juvenile Instructor," a magazine devoted to children's interests. Life experiences and suitable stories from other sources were used. Thus, with the inspiration of the Lord to guide, the Primary organization began to thrive.

It grew to such an extent that in 1880, John Taylor, then President of the Church, saw the need of a central board to supervise and unify the constantly increasing groups. At a conference of Primary workers held on June 19th, 1880, Louie B. Felt was appointed General President of all Primary Associations, which position she held for forty-five years. The first ten years of the Primary work were years of organization and adjustment.

In January, 1902, *The Children's Friend*, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the Primary, was established with Miss May Anderson as Editor; and general supervision over the work in the various stake organizations was developed. From the one Association of August, 1878, the movement has grown to include 1,243 organized Primaries with a grand total membership of 108,596 (1928). This membership is composed of the children of the Church—girls from four to fourteen years and boys four to twelve years of age—and their teachers. When the Scout work

was incorporated into the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, the boys of twelve and thirteen years of age were transferred to that organization. At first, the children met in one class; later three groups were organized; then six, and at the present time, there are eleven groups. In large organizations, each group is divided into a number of classes.

With growth in numbers has come enlarged vision of possibilities. Fields of activity have been more clearly defined and some modifications made; yet the general objectives remain practically the same as at the beginning.

In May, 1929, the First Presidency of the Church assigned to the Primary Association all the week-day religious activities of the children of the Church. This means that the Religion Classes of the Church were merged with the Primary Association. This was done in the interest of better organization.

The Primary work is not limited to the stakes and wards of the Church. This Auxiliary of the Church also extends to the mission fields, from Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean, to the missions in Europe, where it has recently been established. This organization is proving a powerful means of preaching the Gospel. The parents of non-Church members who attend, see the marvelous improvement in their children, and are thus led into active interest in the Gospel finally resulting in their understanding and often their acceptance of its truths.—Adapted from the *Primary Association Handbook*.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

IT IS THE AIM of the Primary Association to teach faith in God and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through activities that appeal to children and most fully meet their needs. The attempt is to tie them up to the Church in a happy way through service. Pupils are taught good principles and correct habits of life; and help is given to establish secure moral and religious habits in the years of childhood.

The fundamental assignment and purpose of the Primary Association has been beautifully explained by President Anthony W. Ivins:

The Primary Associations are expected to deal with the requirements of the children of tender years. Here also, as in other auxiliary organizations, the development of faith through moral lessons which the partly developed minds of children can understand, should be the dominant feature. . . . I desire to leave this one thought with my brethren and sisters: Whatever comes to us, however great the development may be, there must continue to be in all of these auxiliary organizations that one outstanding idea of faith in God. . . . Let come what may, that must never be forgotten. That must continue to be the outstanding

purpose of these auxiliary organizations, and other things must be subsidiary to it.

The field of activity for the Primary Associations, as approved by the General Authorities of the Church, is one of practical religion, developed through the formation of healthful, righteous activities and habits of life.

Practical Religion: Opportunity is afforded the child to live out, practically, experiences in the field of religion—to practice Gospel principles in a happy way, and thus find joy in Church affiliation, to be trained in character-building, and at the same time to gain faith in God. Discernment of right and wrong, and love for right is also taught, as well as habits of right social conduct in all social relationships.



THE BATLEY BRANCH PRIMARY, LEEDS DISTRICT.

Economy of Means: In this field the child is taught how to conserve and spend strength aright; how to work, to save, and to spend wisely. Through work and service in and about the house, he may be encouraged to earn money, to share unselfishly, to save for the benefit of others, and to aid in the support of his own association and other Church institutions. Economy in this self-supporting organization is taught through thrift and ingenuity in the making of useful and ornamental articles from discarded and waste materials, etc.

Social Relations: In the Primary organization, the child becomes identified with social ethics—the understanding and practice of right social relations, including agreeable manners and proper decorum in the home, school and on the playground.

Play: The Primary program is designed to provide for the training of the children in the principles of the Gospel through an all round expression of their interests in physical, manual, linguistic, rhythmic, dramatic and social activities. Opportunity is thus provided for activity in creative and recreative play including

suitable athletics. Material is selected that will appeal to the child and meet his needs through the various stages of his development. During this habit-forming period, stress is placed upon health and happiness through service.

The definite assignment of directing the leisure time activities of the children of the Church has been given to the Primary Association by the First Presidency.

Suitable programs for this assignment both in and outside of the Primary hour are published from time to time in *The Children's Friend*.—Adapted from the *Primary Association Handbook*, pages 20-23.

MISSION PRIMARIES

The Purpose of Primary work in the missions is to give Latter-day Saint children and other children in the mission field all the advantages and opportunities provided through the Primary organization, including a program for the children in which character building through ethical teaching and participation in all types of sound activities may bring spiritual development to the child.

Although the work is being carried on and supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, children of all religious denominations are welcomed into the Primaries. There are no charges to become a member other than the willingness to take part and assist in making the work better. Parents are cordially invited to see for themselves the work and the results of the efforts put forth.

Types of Organization :

The Home, the Neighbourhood, and the Regular Primary may be used in the mission field. The Home or the Neighbourhood Primary is the initial step in small or isolated groups. In time, these may grow into regular Primary Associations with their many groups of children and complete board of officers and teachers.

The Home Primaries are provided to serve the children, boys and girls, of the Church who are denied the privilege of attendance at a regular public Primary meeting. In this type of organization, the children of one family, or those of a neighbourhood, meet usually in a private home in the locality.

The Neighbourhood Primary is an outgrowth of the Home Primary, conducted in the beginning in a similar manner, the only difference being in the number and personnel of those in attendance. The organization of the Neighbourhood Primary grew out of a missionary experience in England. A Primary worker, the wife of a missionary, was playing one day with a group of children (seven in number) out of doors. The children of the neighbourhood flocked around eagerly awaiting an invitation to join the group.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1930

EDITORIAL

A PRIMARY FOR EVERY BRANCH

DEAR childless wives or heart-hungry, would-be mothers, or mothers with a little more room in your mother-heart—Here is your work and your great calling: To mother some, a few, or even one love-hungry child of the countless number with whom you are all surrounded. If it can be only one hour a week, begin a Neighbourhood Primary. Go to your Branch President for his co-operation; go to your Heavenly Father for aid; use *The Children's Friend* for a guide, and with the help of your Mission Supervisor, begin at once.

We hope that the day will soon come when we shall have at least one Primary in every branch of our missions; and in the larger branches as many as there are willing girls and women to care for them. There are always children to be loved and cherished for the asking. Invite the children from the highways and the byways; all are God's children. Do not be discouraged if only a few come at first, or if only a few respond to your attempt. Our Lord tells us to

Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; . . . And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father! And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me! Behold, you have my gospel before you, and my rock, and my salvation. Ask the Father in my name, in faith believing that you shall receive, and you shall have the Holy Ghost, which manifesteth all things which are expedient unto the children of men. And if you have not faith, hope, and charity, you can do nothing.

But with faith and love for these struggling, misunderstood children, there are no bounds to the joy and satisfaction that will come to those who will make the effort to help them. And that help does not depend upon money. A kind word, a smile, a song, a game with them, a pat of approval on hand or shoulder costs nothing and yet it may change the current of a life. Be diligent, dear sisters, and try to carry on this soul uplifting work.

Daughters of Zion! This is your work and glory: To bring to pass a measure of joy and understanding in the hearts and lives of as many children as may come within the radius of your influence. "For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven!"

LEAH D. WIDTSOE

ANOTHER PRIMARY ISSUE

WE wish to take this opportunity of thanking those who have contributed pictures and reports of Primary work in the Mission. More material was received than could be contained in this issue of the *Millennial Star*; therefore the following issue will also be a Primary issue, containing the remainder of the contributions received.

MISSION PRIMARIES

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Not being members of the Church, they were given a written message to take home to their parents, which contained a statement of the purpose of the organization and an invitation to come with the children to participate in the activities next time. Many did so. When the missionary left the field, there were more than forty children belonging to the organization, and it was officered by the mothers who had been converted. Many more such groups have been organized since then and have functioned with great benefit to the community.

How to Organize: In the organization of a Neighbourhood Primary, a careful survey of conditions should be made to find the number of children to be enlisted, a home to accommodate the group, a leader who may be a mother or a young woman of the locality capable of conducting the activities. Whether young or older, she must love children, be willing to work with them, and take the responsibility of caring for them.

When such favourable conditions are found possible, notify the nearest Branch Presidency and communicate with the Mission Primary Supervisor who will assist in the organization. The one chosen to lead is called the Primary Mother. She should have at least one assistant to act as secretary, other assistants to be determined by the number and nature of the group. The method of carrying forward the work will depend upon the leadership, the accommodations of the home, and the number and ages or qualifications of the children of the group.

Your Supervisor will give instruction and aid in beginning the work, programs, lessons, and all necessary materials. If possible subscribe for *The Children's Friend*.

Watchwords: Simplicity in lesson material, in handwork, and in leisure time activities should characterize Primary work.

The reasons for stressing simplicity are that Neighbourhood Primaries are often, if not always, composed of children of all ages, who very often have to be grouped together in one or two classes. Many of them are children who do not belong to the Church.

Simplicity in handwork should be stressed because it is difficult

to obtain material for handwork purposes. Therefore, the simplest material and methods should be used. In leisure time activities, particularly games and dances, nothing elaborate should be attempted. A mere suggestion for a costume is quite sufficient. A paper crown and wooden stick sceptre make a real queen or king for a child.

All that is necessary for a successful Neighbourhood Primary is for those who are directing it to have the Spirit of the Lord with them, and a desire in their hearts to be of real benefit to the children who are entrusted in their care. With the aid of their Primary Supervisor, *The Children's Friend* and their own good common sense, the way will be opened up to them and their path made beautiful.

Order of Exercises: The Primary Mother must use her discretion in the order of exercises. The following is the plan most commonly used, with variation.

1. Greeting song; 2. Roll call (aloud); 3. Prayer (preferably by child); 4. Song; 5. Lesson (including stories, memory gem, activities, etc.); 6. Closing song; 7. Closing prayer.

Children love to sing. Begin by teaching them some of the simplest Songs of Zion from the Sunday School and Primary collections. This will be a joy to them always, and will help much to promote the Primary spirit.

Prayer may be offered by the Primary Mother or a child, either alone or in concert. The frequent practice of repeating each sentence of the prayer in concert, after it has been spoken by the leader, is an excellent means of teaching the children to pray aloud.

Lessons: Here are a few general suggestions which may be helpful. Ethical, moral lessons on truth, honesty, obedience, service, good behaviour, etc., are provided in *The Children's Friend* or will be supplied by the Mission Primary Supervisor, and will be found adaptable to any group of Primary children. In the preparation of lessons, study first the monthly subject and the aim or objective given in *The Children's Friend*. Think about them to see what they mean. Read carefully the material "Thoughts for the Teacher." Have in mind the story for each week, in its simplicity; look for the specific helps offered for other groups. These helps will assist in the lesson presentation as well as in handling the order of business for the entire class period. To a mixed group of all ages, give the lesson in its simplest form. After the lesson period is over, give additional help to the older boys and girls. Choose the extra material from other departments with each individual child in mind, giving the special activities provided for the older boys and girls.

Records and Reports: Use record book provided for Neighbourhood and mission Primaries. Report blanks will be supplied from the mission office. A roll card may be used for marking the

attendance at meetings. All records should be kept carefully, as reports will be called for at regular intervals.

Supplies: Consult your Mission Supervisor for necessary Primary Association supplies—such as song books, books of games, special dances, special programs, handwork supplies, etc. They may be obtained from the mission office. A price list of supplies may be found in *The Children's Friend*. Subscriptions to *The Children's Friend* may begin at any time.

Primary Funds: Organizations cannot operate without funds; such is the case with the local Primary Association. Materials are needed for the handwork of the children; song books and roll books are required for the class; costumes are needed for playlets, dances, operas, etc. It is not expected that the one in charge of each Primary should furnish these necessities. Therefore, it is suggested that a fund be created by small donations, by socials, concerts and entertainments given by the children, or in other ways which are suited to local conditions.

It is urged that the children be asked to earn by some small simple chores the money which is donated for the necessary Primary activity. It must not be a burden to the children nor their parents. Your Primary Supervisor will suggest ways and means of carrying on the work.

When the Primary Grows: When a Primary becomes large in numbers, it may become necessary to place the children in sections according to ages. Usually, one room only is available for a Neighbourhood Primary; therefore, the different groups could be met on different days, or at different hours of the same day. Such details must be worked out by the Branch and Primary officers, according to local needs and possibilities. Elaborate groupings of the children should not be undertaken in Neighbourhood Primaries.—Adapted from the *Primary Association Handbook*.

HOW A PRIMARY HAS MADE A BRANCH

EXTRACT of a letter from Sister Hettie H. Harper of the Dudley Port Branch, Birmingham District, dated February 10th, 1930:

“Perhaps you already know that we now have a branch of our own in Dudley Port. Five years ago, when we started to spread the Gospel here, there were only four members. To-day, we have twenty-one. Twelve of our members are adults. We had six persons baptized last year. On Saturday, I had the pleasure of taking one of my Primary girls to be baptized. Just think, in all I have witnessed nineteen baptisms in Dudley Port!

“We have, of course, about forty to sixty persons coming out to our meetings, and we even have a little hall to meet in. It is one minute's walk from our home, and is on the main road. Do

you not think that the Lord has indeed prospered and blessed us? All this has come about through Primary cottage meetings. We are striving for our little Branch to become one of the best in the whole world, and we shall do it.

"We aimed to win the M. I. A. outdoor contest last summer. We fought against big branches and heavy odds, but we won by one point. We have also won an indoor contest. The secret is faith, prayer and work.

"We had a lovely Primary Christmas Party. Forty children attended and put on a play called "To Santa Claus Land." Elder Reid was Santa Claus. The party was held in our home, so you can guess how crowded we were. The children love Primary, and are now rehearsing for another playlet.

"All the children and members of our little Branch join me in sending our fondest love and best wishes to you. We all are waiting for your promised visit. We are only the baby branch and very humble, but we know you will not mind that."

This is Sister Harper's most recent letter showing the progress of the "baby branch":

"Since I wrote last, we have had three more persons baptized, making a membership of twenty-four. We have four young men thinking of baptism. We are indeed very happy here; the Lord has blessed us abundantly. I wish you could hear some of the testimonies of the Dudley Port Saints.

"Do you know our branch is now fully organized? Two months ago, Elder Arthur S. Gailey organized Relief Society and Priesthood classes. We already had Sacrament meetings, Primary, Sunday School, Genealogy and Bee-Hive. And last night, President Lund sent Elder Amott to organize an M Men's class.

"Our Bee-Hive girls have developed wonderfully; it is impossible to describe the joy we get through Bee-Hive work and swarm meetings. The last meeting, we invited a few young men, and in all there were seventeen in attendance. Everyone is anxious to do his or her part. We still hold Primary and Bee-Hive in our home. Such a lovely spirit exists. All the members strive to live better every day, and we all try to help the missionaries.

"Primary is wonderful. Practically every child takes part. A little boy two and one-half years old recited last night, and his sister three and one-half years old sang a solo. They all clamour to ask questions, tell stories, say recitations and prayers, etc. It would 'touch your heart' to see them and especially to hear their prayers for the missionaries and the sick.

"All through the summer, we played in the fields with the children once a week and gained many friends—and my! we certainly did have some fun! No one believes that I am as old as I am; it is the children keeping me young, I suppose.

"The children are fast growing up, and some now attend Bee-Hive and M. I. A. Some are now sixteen, seventeen and eighteen, but still they like to come to Primary. We now have some very young ones coming also.

"O! I nearly forgot to tell you: We now have an organ in our little meeting hall and eight new hymn books. Do you not think that the Lord has indeed blessed us? We have for a long time been trying to seek first God's kingdom and its righteousness, and all that we have needed has been given us.

"The last few weeks, we have been having forty out to Primary—that is as many as we can get in our home, for having an extra couch in the house has made less floor space for them to sit.



A GROUP OF THE DUDLEY PORT PRIMARY CHILDREN.

"At present, I have not a good picture to send. Here is a small one, however, but as you see, only a few are in it.

"We are still longing to see you and Apostle Widtsoe, and are looking forward to having you here in Dudley Port; we have faith that you will come."

LEEDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE members of the Leeds District, as well as many of their friends, were inspired to greater service to God and fellowman, and to greater diligence in doing good at the Fall District Conference held on Sunday, November 16th, at the Carlton Street Boys School, Bradford. In pageant, addresses and musical numbers, the spirit of "Carry On" was evidenced. All the meetings were well attended, there being over three hundred at the evening session.

"The Awakening," a pageant produced at the morning session, proved an effective method of portraying the practical benefits of obedience to the Word of Wisdom.

President Lucian C. Reid was released at the afternoon meeting, and Elder Bernard P. Brockbank was sustained in his place. Members of the auxiliary organizations explained the importance of such organizations, relating the history of each. The congregation then divided for Relief Society and Priesthood class instruction.

Inspiring discourses were delivered by President A. William Lund and traveling missionaries during the last session of the conference.

On Saturday, November 15th, an inter-district M. I. A. contest was held between the Leeds and Sheffield Districts, at the Mechanic Institute, Bradford. This was the first contest of its kind held in Europe and proved a thorough success. Much talent was displayed in music, recitation, dramatics and debate. A friendly competitive spirit was manifested throughout the day. Sheffield District won the honours.

The following mission officers and missionaries were present: President and Sister A. William Lund and Elder Wesley D. Amott, of the British Mission Office; Elders Richard C. Badger and A. Edward Anderson, Jr., of the European Mission Office; missionaries of the Leeds District: President Lucian C. Reid (released), President Bernard P. Brockbank, Elders E. Arnold Goff, Willis R. Dunkley, Thomas R. Butterfield, Frederick W. Rallison, William Bailey, Hyrum W. Eckersley, Angus S. Bodily, Harold C. Williams, Wendell W. Taylor, David Taylor and Elmo H. Lund; Sheffield District missionaries: President Therald N. Jensen, and Elders Weldon C. Roberts, Alton S. Maughan, Horace C. Cherrington, Ural Sheppiek, Glen T. Dixon, James C. Rawlinson, Joseph W. Marriott, Dix W. Price and Willard C. Skousen; also President Herbert C. Fletcher and Elder Robert V. Moncur, of the Hull District; Elder Raymond Searle, of the Newcastle District; and Elder Charles E. Shirley, of the Liverpool District.

ELDER E. ARNOLD GOFF, District Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

CONTINENTAL NOTES

Arrivals and Assignments: For the Swedish Mission: Albert C. Quist, Murray, Utah, arrived at Copenhagen, Denmark, aboard the *United States* on October 8th, arriving Stockholm, Sweden, on October 9th.

Releases and Departures: Swedish Mission: Otto A. Spjut, president of the Norrköping District, was honourably released and sailed for his home in America from Gothenburg, Sweden, on August 9th, aboard the *Drottningholm*; Wilford E. Hokanson, president of the Helsingborg Branch, was honourably released and sailed for his home in America from Southampton on October 30th, aboard the *George Washington*. Norwegian Mission: Ray Engebretsen was honourably released and

sailed for his home in America from Cherbourg on November 18th, aboard the *Leviathan*.

Norway: The Oslo Branch was reorganized on Sunday, November 2nd, with local brethren presiding.

SPECIAL NOTES

By invitation, Elder Albert W. Horman, of the Nottingham District, addressed the Nottingham Cosmopolitan Debating Society on Sunday, October 12th, speaking on "Who are the Latter-day Saints?" More than three hundred people had the opportunity of hearing "Mormonism" first hand and of receiving literature. In addition to the main talk, one hour was spent in answering and discussing questions brought up by interested listeners. Much interest was aroused and a very favourable attitude manifested.

The members of the Sheffield and Barnsley Branches, Sheffield District, have willingly and cheerfully accepted the message of the recent editorials of the *Millennial Star* entitled "Our Holy Earth", "Zion" and "Emigration", as was evidenced in the branch conferences held there on October 26th and November 2nd respectively, the themes of which were "The Call to Leadership and Service in Israel's Outpost." Their efforts during the beginning of the new century are directed toward securely laying the foundation of "Mormonism" in this land.

Branch Conferences: Of the Leeds Branch, Leeds District, held on November 2nd. "Gratitude for the Gospel" was the theme given in song and speech. A large attendance was noted. President Lucian C. Reid and Elder E. Arnold Goff attended.

Of the Gateshead Branch, Newcastle District, held on November 2nd. The theme of the meetings was based on the Book of Mormon. President Earl B. Cragun, and Elders Clarence H. Taylor, Raymond Searle and B. Kenneth Lunt were among those present.

Of the Nottingham Branch, Nottingham District, held on October 26th. Local members and missionaries presented a program of speech and song based upon "One Hundred Years of Fruits." Attending were President Harold B. Rowell, and Elders Roland G. Manning, Albert W. Horman and Merrill P. Gunnell.

Of the Aberdeen Branch, Scottish District, held on November 2nd. "The Articles of Faith" was the subject of the morning session. A large number of members and friends taxed the capacity of the hall. In attendance were President William M. Faulds, and Elders John A. Freestone and Arthur L. Burrell.

Of the Barnsley Branch, Sheffield District, held on November 2nd. "The Saints' Responsibility in the Present Century" was the theme of the conference. The Sunday School children gave the program for the first session. Attending were President Therald N. Jensen, and Elders Weldon C. Roberts and Alton S. Maughan.

Of the Sheffield Branch, Sheffield District, held on October 26th. "A Call to Leadership and Service in Israel's Outpost" was the stimulating theme of the evening session. The following missionaries attended: President Therald N. Jensen, and Elders Weldon C. Roberts, E. Ronald Jones and Glen T. Dixon.

Of the Pontllanfraith Branch, Welsh District, held on November 2nd. Local members and missionaries bore testimony to the value, use and power of prayer. Many interesting and inspiring experiences were related showing the answer to prayer. President J. Clyde Sumsion and Elder Henry B. Squires were present.

Doings in the Districts: *Manchester*—A musical drama, written by Sister Consie Morris, was presented by the Oldham Branch at their Chapel on Saturday evening, November 8th. The splendid acting, colourful costumes, fine dancing and singing provided a delightful evening's entertainment. The receipts are to be added to the fund for improving the meeting house and grounds.

Sheffield—A sale of harvest produce, contributed by the members of the Barnsley Branch, was one of the features of a festival held on November 1st. The funds received will be used for renovating purposes. A splendid social evening was enjoyed by all present.

Ulster—A special harvest program was given in the Belfast Branch on Sunday, October 26th, under the auspices of the Branch Relief Society at Sacrament meeting. On the following Monday, the harvest season was further celebrated by an enjoyable festival social.

DEATH

BAUERLE—Sister Louisa Bauerle, of the Dublin Branch, Free State District, aged 77 years, a faithful member of the Church since her baptism on November 9th, 1919, passed away on November 2nd, surrounded by a group of loving relatives and members of the Church. Very impressive funeral services were held in the Protestant Chapel and at the grave side on Wednesday, November 5th, under the direction of President Benjamin R. Birchall, who also dedicated the grave. In the chapel, Sister Ena Birchall beautifully sang "O Rest in the Lord", and the congregation sang at the grave side. On Sunday, November 9th, the anniversary of her baptism, a memorial service was held at 8 Merrion Row. President Birchall took as his text "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty", and impressively explained the beautiful meaning of death and the resurrection, to the comfort of the bereaved ones. By request, Sister Ena Birchall sang "And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears." Sister Bauerle bore her testimony in German, her native tongue, just before passing away.

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